

Coalition Of Arizona/ New Mexico Counties For Stable Economic Growth

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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES**

7:30 AM Mountain Standard Time (Arizona) 8:30 AM Mountain Daylight Time (New Mexico)
Wild Horse Pass Hotel, Meeting Room Ocotillo C
Chandler, Arizona
Call-in Number 218-895-3850 Passcode 6291303#

**Board Present:** Jackie Powell

Kim Chesser Sylvia Allen Tommie Martin Doug Decker Caren Cowan Richard Searle Bucky Allred Andrew Martinez

Nita Taylor

**Proxies** 

Darr Shannon Walter Armijo Tom Klumker Lewis Derrik

**Non-Voting Members & Guests:** Sue & Jim Chilton, Andy Groseta, Jon Butler, Dianna & Terry Wheeler, Sue Krentz, Louise Kimble, Jim Taylor, George & Sharon Yard, Janice Cook, Pascal Berlioux, Barry Weller, James Rasmussen, Nick Dranias, Alex Thal, Howard Hutchinson

The meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Kim Chesser, Coalition President and Representative for Chaves County, New Mexico.

#### **Item #1: Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Reports**

- 1. Action: The motion to approve the Meeting minutes of July 19, 2012, March 23, 2013 and May 17, 2013 was made by Jackie Powell and seconded by Sylvia Allen . The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Action: The motion to approve the Treasurer's reports for May and June 2013 and June 2013 Litigation Fund Report and 2013 6 Month Budget Review was made by Richard Searle and seconded by Jackie Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Item #2 & 3: Report & Update on Tombstone Water Litigation & Litigation Updates

Nick Dranias presented an update on the Tombstone Water Litigation. A written update was attached in Karen Budd Falen's Litigation update that was distributed to Board members.

No Action Taken Will continue to monitor litigation progress.

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### Item #3: Update on Lesser Prairie Chicken

Lewis Derrick presented an update on the Lesser Prairie Chicken proposed listing and the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard. We will continue to monitor Fish and Wildlife Service actions and look to possible litigation in the future.

#### No Action Taken

# **Item #4: Report on Desert Land Conservation Cooperative**

Howard reported on the recent activities of the Desert Land Conservation Cooperative. Will continue to attend meetings and monitor actions. Howard suggested that all board members communicate our concerns to our Congressional delegations.

### No Action Taken

### **Item #5: Report on Mexican Wolf Co-Existence Council**

Howard reported that the Co-Existence Council was nearing completion of the Compensation Plan Program and expected final approval by the end of the year.

#### No Action Taken

# Item #6: Mexican Wolf EIS & Economic Impact Analysis

Howard reported that progress was being made in getting counties signed up as cooperating agencies. There was a general discussion about the Fish & Wildlife Service refusal to consider proposed changes to the MOU by several affected counties. We will continue to try and get the Service to recognize the Counties' jurisdictions.

#### No Action Taken

### **Item #7: Jaguar Critical Habitat Comments Contribution**

Howard passed on the request for a contribution to the development of comments by Dennis Parker on the proposed designation of critical habitat for the Jaguar.

Action: The motion to approve a \$500.00 contribution was made by Richard Searle and seconded by Tommie Martin. The motion passed unanimously

### **Item #8: New Mexico Jumping Mouse Comments**

Howard requested information and assistance on developing comments on the New Mexico Jumping Mouse.

No Action Taken: Board members will contact Howard with information.

### **Item #9: Upcoming Meetings: Next Meeting, Where, When & How?**

Howard asked the Directors if we needed to have a meeting in the near future.

No Action Taken: Howard will keep track of issues and notify the members if a meeting needs to be called.

# Item #10: Potential Litigation: Update on Mexican Wolf Program

Howard asked the Directors if we needed to have a meeting in the near future.

Action: The motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending or possible litigation was made by Richard Searle and seconded by Bucky Allred. The motion passed unanimously Action: The motion to return to regular session was made by Jackie Powell and seconded by Sylvia Allen. The motion passed unanimously. The Board noted that we will continue to monitor the actions of the Fish & Wildlife Service in regards to the proposed 10(j) rule changes for possible litigation and request a Congressional oversight hearing.

Adjourned at 10;30 a.m.